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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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	:	Group Art Unit: 1754
Application No.: Unassigned (Divisional of)	
U.S. Appln. No. 09/238,551,	:	
filed January 28, 1999))	
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Filed: April 8, 2004)	
(Concurrently herewith)	:	
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For: POWDER MATERIAL,	:	
ELECTRODE STRUCTURE,)	
PRODUCTION PROCESS	:	
THEREOF, AND SECONDARY)	
LITHIUM BATTERY	:	April 8, 2004

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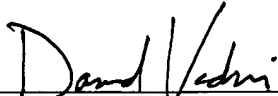
Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following foreign application:

Japan 10-018932, filed January 30, 1998

A certified copy of the priority document was filed in parent Application No. 09/238,551. Applicants respectfully request acknowledgment of this claim and of receipt of the certified copy of the priority document with the next communication from the Office.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010 All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

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